



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

David A. Stutsman : Examiner Erica Ergenbright

Serial No. 09/290,777 : Art Unit 3722

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For SPINDLE ASSEMBLY FOR MACHINE  
TOOLS AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME

AMENDMENT

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Madam:

In response to the Patent Office communication of December 1, 2000, setting a response date of March 1, 2001 and the subsequent communication of March 7, 2001 extending the response date to April 1, 2001, Applicant requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

Amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. A spindle assembly for a machine tool comprising:  
a housing having at least one bearing seat;  
a bearing having an inner race and an outer race disposed in said at least one bearing seat;  
a sleeve disposed between one of the inner and outer races of said bearing and said housing, bonded to said housing; and